IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Bergin et al.**	§	Group Art Unit: **2192**
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Serial No.: **10/677,658**	§	Examiner: **Lee, Marina**
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Filed: **October 2, 2003**	§	Confirmation No.: **9968**
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For: **Automatic Software Update of Nodes in a Network Data Processing System**	§	Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030648US1**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A fee of $810.00 is required for a Request for Continued Examination. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

A two month extension of time is believed to be necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the two month extension fee of $460.00 to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Final Office Action of March 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.